

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of	)	
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Tsugio Yokoo, et al.	)	
	)	Examiner: Naishadh Desai
on SHAFT AND MOLDING APPARATUS	)	
THEREOF	)	Art Unit: 2834
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**AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Final Office Action dated October 14, 2009, having a two-month shortened period of response set to expire on December 14, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2; and  
**Remarks** begin on page 4.